

many positions within its congregation. Martin and his wife were able to invest their time traveling domestically and across the globe; visiting Europe, the Holy Land, Canada, and destinations throughout the United States.

The Sasser family was blessed with four children, including a daughter and three sons. The family has also been gifted with ten beautiful grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of the late Mr. Martin Van Buren Sasser, for his years of service and outstanding contributions to the community as well as our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on November 3, 2015, I was not present for roll call votes 583 through 593. If I had been present for this vote, I would have voted: Nay on roll call vote 583, Nay on roll call vote 584, Yea on roll call vote 585, Yea on roll call vote 586, Nay on roll call vote 587, Nay on roll call vote 588, Yea on roll call vote 589, Nay on roll call vote 590, Yea on roll call vote 591, Yea on roll call vote 592, Nay on roll call vote 593.

RECOGNIZING THE TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) for its seventy-five years of service and stewardship in our community.

The THA was created in 1940 to respond to the overwhelming demand for rental housing in the Pacific Northwest. World War II created a high demand for citizens to serve their country as well as to work in factories and shipyards to assist the war effort. Tacoma faced an immediate shortage of housing for newcomers and their families, and the THA made it a priority to provide affordable housing during these turbulent times.

The Federal Government commissioned the design and speedy construction of large-scale housing developments throughout the Tacoma region. The THA managed Salishan, one of the largest housing developments with over 2,000 units. In coordinated efforts with the City of Tacoma and the U.S. military, the THA provided 3,723 housing units to individuals and families until the war ended in 1945. Salishan aged quickly during the post-war years, and by the 1990s, it needed significant renovations. In 2004, the THA received a \$35 million HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its reconstruction.

Today, the THA continues to provide housing assistance to over 12,000 individuals—roughly six percent of Tacoma's overall population. The majority of these persons are low-

income families, children, seniors, or persons living with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work the THA has done for the Tacoma community. Their accomplishments and contributions to Washington State have helped to shape Northwest and I am confident that the THA will continue to be a positive contributor to the community in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 586 I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on Roll Call Vote 586.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 587 I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on Part B Amendment No. 5 to Rules Print 114–32, which required the federal government to track the total number, cost, and time required for each environmental review of transportation projects when reporting the status of these projects to the public. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

IN TRIBUTE TO FRED DALTON THOMPSON "NOTED ATTORNEY AND ACTOR, WRITER, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR WATERGATE COMMITTEE, AND U.S. SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Fred Dalton Thompson, a great American, a man who personified civility; a passionate advocate for good governance, fiscal responsibility, and national security; and United States Senator from Tennessee, who died on Sunday, November 1, 2015, in Huntsville, Tennessee at the age of 73.

Born to Ruth Inez and Fletcher Session Thompson on August 19, 1942, in Sheffield, Alabama, Freddie Dalton Thompson came from humble beginnings. After graduating from Lawrence County High School, Fred Thompson then entered the University of North Alabama, becoming the first member of his family to attend college. He later transferred to the University of Memphis, where he earned a dual degree in philosophy and political science in 1964 and won a scholarship to Vanderbilt University School of Law from which he graduated with a J.D. in 1967.

After his admission to the Tennessee bar and from 1969–1972, Fred Thompson worked

as an Assistant United States Attorney where he successfully prosecuted bank robberies and other cases. In 1972, Fred Thompson managed the successful reelection campaign of U.S. Senator Howard Baker who brought him to Washington and appointed him Minority Counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee.

Fred Thompson has often been credited for formulating the question made famous by Senator Baker during the Watergate hearings: "What did the President know, and when did he know it?"

In addition to service as a United States Senator, Fred Thompson rendered valuable service to the public as Special Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1980–1981), Special Counsel to the Senate Intelligence Committee (1982), and Member of the Appellate Court Nominating Commission for the State of Tennessee (1985–1987).

In 1994, Fred Thompson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994 to fill the unexpired term of Senator Al Gore, who had been elected Vice-President and two years later was elected in a landslide to a full six-year Senate term.

During his eight years in the Senate, Fred Thompson served on the Committees on Finance, Government Affairs, and Intelligence. He retired at the end of his term in 2002 and resumed his career as film and television actor, starring for many years as Manhattan District Attorney Arthur Branch in the acclaimed television series "Law and Order."

Notable films in which Fred Thompson starred include "In the Line of Fire," "No Way Out," "Days of Thunder," "The Hunt for Red October," "Cape Fear," "Die Hard 2," "Class Action," and "Fat Man and Little Boy."

Mr. Speaker, I hope it is a comfort to Fred Thompson's widow, Jeri Kehn Thompson, and his surviving children, Freddie Jr. and Samuel, that so many persons are remembering Fred Thompson in their prayers and thoughts.

I ask that the House observe a moment of silence in memory of Fred Thompson, the distinguished U.S. Senator from Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING LORI PROVINCE ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lori Province on her retirement after nineteen years with the Washington State Labor Council (WSLC), where she has worked tirelessly on behalf of workers in Washington State.

Prior to joining the WSLC, Lori had a strong background in the labor community. She served as a union representative for the Washington State Council of County and City Employees and for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 120 in Everett.

Upon joining the WSLC in 1996, Lori worked in a variety of roles including as the Field Mobilization Director as a Dislocated Worker Labor Liaison where she provided lay-off aversion services along with Trade Act and NAFTA petition development. Lori also handled outreach to inform dislocated workers about the employment and training services available through the Workforce Investment Act, along with representing their interests and beyond.